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## **Availability of Grant Funds for Adult Education Providers Announced**

NASHVILLE – State officials with the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Office of Adult Education, today announced the availability of Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy funds, under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Funding will begin July 1, 2002, and end June 30, 2004.

The mission of the Adult Education Program in Tennessee is to provide adult education and literacy services in order to:

1. assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency;
2. assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children; and
3. assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education.

Eligible providers for a grant include the following agencies, organizations, and institutions that provide inclusive services to all the target groups that are present in the service delivery area:

1. A local education agency;
2. A community-based organization of demonstrated effectiveness;
3. A volunteer literacy organization of demonstrated effectiveness;
4. An institution of higher education;
5. A public or private nonprofit agency;
6. A library;
7. A public housing authority;

8. A nonprofit institution that is not described in (1) through (7) and has the ability to provide literacy services to adults and families;

9. A consortium of the agencies, organizations, institutions, libraries, or authorities described in 1 through 8.

Whenever grant requests under this program exceed the amount available in Fiscal Year 2002 and subsequent years, the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Office of Adult Education, will give preference to those applicants who have demonstrated a capability to recruit and serve those individuals most in need and hardest to serve.

In the event of more than one application from a county, the state director will notify each applicant and facilitate the development of a plan for a single county service delivery system.

The deadline for submitting applications is **April 5, 2002**. The Tennessee State Plan is available at <http://cls.coe.utk.edu/stateplan/>. For an application packet, please contact:

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El Departamento del Trabajo y de la Fuerza Laboral es un organismo empresarial que aplica la igualdad de oportunidades. Los Servicios y ayudas auxiliares están disponibles para los individuos con impedimentos si los solicitan.